

March 28, 2016

Dear Mr. Navecky,

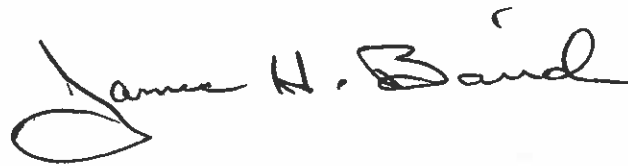
I recently found out that there is a proposed high speed train project which could pass through my community. I strongly object to the Great Lakes Basin project (Docket No. FD 35952).

Building a railroad through the rural countryside would severely restrict water flow causing massive flooding. Drainage tile on farms would be blocked or broken. The route would cross several major rivers and local creeks, as well as waterways which have been installed by farmers at their own expense. A derailment or spill of hazardous material would contaminate the soil and water. Rural families all have personal wells on their property, and a derailment would poison their water supply.

The proposed route crosses many rural roads. The anticipated number of one hundred trains per day would restrict our volunteer firemen and ambulance personnel when trying to respond to an emergency.

Please deny Great Lakes Basin from building this railroad. It is an environmental disaster in so many ways. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James H. Baird". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J" and "B".

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